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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ROK EFFORT TO COUNTER PYONGYANG DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE

REF: A) JAKARTA 2691 (NOTAL); B) KUALA LUMPUR 2006 (NOTAL)

1. DIRECTOR KONG NO-MYONG (GONG RO MYUNG) OF MOFA ASIA BUREAU TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 9 THAT ROK UNDERSTOOD CONFIDENTIAL

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NORTH KOREAN VICE PREMIER KONG JIN TAE HAD BEEN FAIRLY
EFFECTIVE IN HIS VISITS TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN CAPITALS. ROKG
WAS INFORMED THAT VICE PREMIER KONG HAD DISCUSSED BOTH
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES, (AS INDICATED REF B) ECHOING THE
STRONGLY ANTIROK LINE OF THE FEBRUARY 1 MEMORANDUM. ROK DID NOT BELIEVE

KONG HAD MADE ANY CONVERTS TO NORTH KOREAN POLICY, BUT

HE HAD AT LEAST GAINED A HEARING. ROKG ASSUMPTION HAS BEEN AS INDICATED REF B, THAT MAIN FOCUS OF CURRENT PYONGYANG DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE IS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS.

2. EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE ROK COUNTER-EFFORTS, REFERRING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS OF HIGH-LEVEL ROK DELEGATIONS TO NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE PRIME MINISTER CHOE KYU-HAH. DIRECTOR KONG SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESSING FOR SOME TIME TO GET APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO VISIT SEVERAL SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT DELEGATIONS WOULD AT LEAST BE SENT TO THE CAPITALS OF COUNTRIES PLAYING A LEADING ROLE IN THE FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS, INCLUDING JAKARTA, COLOMBO, AND KABUL.

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